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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on April 12, 2004, Applicant hereby brings to the attention of the Examiner a Japanese Notification of Reason for Rejection that was mailed on June 6, 2006 with respect to patent family member Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-431862, in which the following document was cited:

(1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 7-85406, together with an English language Abstract and an English language translation thereof.

The relevance of the above-noted document, as ascertained by the Japanese Examiner, is set forth in the Japanese Notification of Reason for Rejection.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. The above-noted document, including the noted English language Abstract and translation, is attached hereto, and is listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Japanese Notification of Reason for Rejection is also attached hereto. An English language translation of the Japanese Notification of Reason for Rejection is not presently available to Applicant. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus, no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted, Yoshikazu SOENO

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